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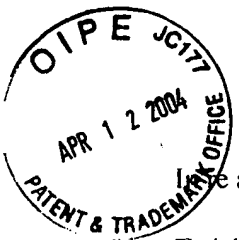
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	4,722,130	2/1988	Kimura et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AJ	11-260945	9/1999	JP			Abstract	
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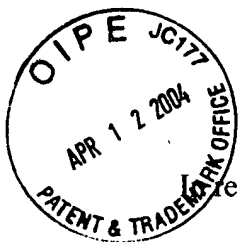
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 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

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5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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